

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6579–S6628*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3485–3488, S. Res. 624–626, and S. Con. Res. 57. **Page S6620**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Act:** Senate passed S. 2971, to authorize the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S6623–26**

**BOTS Act:** Senate passed S. 3183, to prohibit the circumvention of control measures used by Internet ticket sellers to ensure equitable consumer access to tickets for any given event, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6626–27**

**GAO Civilian Task and Delivery Order Protest Authority Act:** Senate passed H.R. 5995, to strike the sunset on certain provisions relating to the authorized protest of a task or delivery order under section 4106 of title 41, United States Code. **Page S6627**

**Dr. Otis Bowen Veteran House:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5509, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs temporary lodging facility in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Dr. Otis Bowen Veteran House", and the bill was then passed. **Page S6627**

**Honoring Arnold Palmer:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 605, honoring Arnold Palmer, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6627**

**Manufacturing Day:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 610, expressing support for the designation of the first Friday in October 2016 as "Manufacturing Day", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6627**

**University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center 75th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 626, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establish-

ment of the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. **Pages S6627–28**

**Silver Star Service Banner Day Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3386, to amend title 36, United States Code, to designate May 1 as "Silver Star Service Banner Day", and the bill was then passed. **Page S6628**

#### House Messages:

**Program Management Improvement Accountability Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1550, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish entities tasked with improving program and project management in certain Federal agencies. **Page S6627**

**Iran Sanctions Extension Act–Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, December 1, 2016, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 6297, to reauthorize the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, as provided for under the previous order of Tuesday, November 29, 2016. **Page S6628**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S6619–20**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6628.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness

concluded a hearing to examine the dawn of artificial intelligence, after receiving testimony from Steve A. Chien, Technical Group Supervisor, Artificial Intelligence Group, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Eric Horvitz, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Andrew W. Moore, Carnegie Mellon University School of Computer Science, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Greg Brockman, OpenAI, San Francisco, California.

#### BORDER PATROL

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine initial observations of the new leadership at the Border Patrol, after receiving testimony from Mark A. Morgan, Chief, and Carla Provost, Deputy Chief, both of the Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

#### FINANCIAL ABUSE OF OLDER AMERICANS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine financial abuse of older Americans by guardians and others in power, after receiving testimony from Kathryn A. Larin, Acting Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; Cathy Boyko, Minnesota Judicial Branch Conservator Account Auditing Program Manager, Ramsey; Jaye L. Martin, Legal Services for the Elderly, Augusta, Maine; and Jessica Kruse, Ozarks Elder Law, Springfield, Missouri.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 6403–6414; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 174–176; and H. Res. 938–939 were introduced. **Pages H7058–59**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H7059**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on S. 2943, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–840);

H.R. 5384, to amend title 44, United States Code, to restrict the distribution of free printed copies of the Federal Register to Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the United States, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–841, Part 1);

H.R. 6186, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend certain protections against prohibited personnel practices, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–842);

H.R. 6303, to designate facilities of the United States Postal Service, to establish new ZIP Codes, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–843); and

H. Res. 937, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 2943) to

authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–844). **Page H7058**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bost to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6367**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6373**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Shea Hecht, Hadar Hatorah Yeshiva, Brooklyn, NY. **Page H6373**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, November 29th:

*Protecting Veterans' Educational Choice Act of 2016:* H.R. 5047, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Labor to provide information to veterans and members of the Armed Forces about articulation agreements between institutions of higher learning, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 591. **Pages H6893–94**

**Unanimous Consent Agreement:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 34

with an amendment may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Page H6894**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Overtime Pay for Secret Service Agents Act of 2016:** H.R. 6302, to provide an increase in premium pay for United States Secret Service agents performing protective services during 2016;

**Pages H7006–08**

**Designating facilities of the United States Postal Service, to establish new ZIP Codes:** H.R. 6303, to designate facilities of the United States Postal Service, and to establish new ZIP Codes;

**Pages H7008–10**

**Federal Register Printing Savings Act of 2016:** H.R. 5384, to amend title 44, United States Code, to restrict the distribution of free printed copies of the Federal Register to Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the United States;

**Pages H7010–11**

**Federal Agency Mail Management Act of 2016:** H.R. 6009, to ensure the effective processing of mail by Federal agencies;

**Pages H7011–12**

**Follow the Rules Act:** H.R. 6186, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend certain protections against prohibited personnel practices; **Pages H7012–14**

**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 North Main Street in Florence, Arizona, as the “Adolfo ‘Harpo’ Celaya Post Office”:** H.R. 6304, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 North Main Street in Florence, Arizona, as the “Adolfo ‘Harpo’ Celaya Post Office”;

**Pages H7014–15, H7048**

**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 830 Kuhn Drive in Chula Vista, California, as the “Jonathan ‘J.D.’ De Guzman Post Office Building”:** H.R. 5948, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 830 Kuhn Drive in Chula Vista, California, as the “Jonathan ‘J.D.’ De Guzman Post Office Building”;

**Pages H7015–16**

**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 560 East Pleasant Valley Road, Port Hueneme, California, as the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion “Seabees” Fallen Heroes Post Office Building:** H.R. 6138, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 560 East Pleasant Valley Road, Port Hueneme, California, as the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion “Seabees” Fallen Heroes Post Office Building;

**Pages H7016–17**

**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2024 Jerome Avenue, in Bronx, New York, as the “Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. Post Office Building”:** H.R. 6282, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2024 Jerome Avenue, in Bronx, New York, as the “Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. Post Office Building”;

**Pages H7017–18**

**Merchant Marine of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act:** H.R. 2992, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the U.S. Merchant Marine of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II;

**Pages H7018–20**

**Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act:** S. 1555, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II;

**Pages H7020–24**

**Office of Strategic Services Congressional Gold Medal Act:** S. 2234, to award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II; and

**Pages H7024–28**

**Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017:** H.R. 6393, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 390 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 593.

**Pages H7028–46, H7047–48**

**Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act:** Pursuant to H. Res. 934, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 34, to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–67, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–839, in lieu of the matter proposed to be added by the Senate, by a recorded vote of 392 yeas to 26 noes, Roll No. 592.

**Pages H6894–H7006, H7046–47**

H. Res. 934, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 34) and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6392) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 230 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 590, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

**Pages H6887–93**

**Clerk to Correct Enrollment:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 174, directing the Clerk of the House

of Representatives to make a technical correction in the enrollment of H.R. 34. **Page H7048**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7056.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2944 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. S. 3438 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. S. 461 was held at the desk. **Page H7056**

**Quorum Calls Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6892–93, H6893–94, H7046–47, H7047. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### EXAMINING THE UNITED STATES PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the United States Preventive Services Task Force”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LIBYA FIVE YEARS AFTER GHADAFI

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, held a joint hearing entitled “Libya Five Years After Ghadafi”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Winer, Special Envoy for Libya, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 5129, the “GO Act”; H.R. 799, the “North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act”; and H.R. 3683, the “African American Civil Rights Network Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Clay; Nolan; and LaMalfa; Glenn Casamassa, Associate Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service; Stephanie S. Toothman, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science, National Park Service; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT OF DEA'S CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of DEA's Confidential Source Program”. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; and Rob Patterson, Chief of Inspections, Drug Enforcement Administration.

### FEDERAL LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PROGRAM: EXAMINING PREMIUM INCREASES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program: Examining Premium Increases”. Testimony was heard from John O'Brien, Senior Advisor for Health Policy, Office of Personnel Management; and public witnesses.

### CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on a conference report to accompany S. 2943, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a rule that waives all points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 2943 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. The rule provides that debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thornberry and Representative Smith of Washington.

## Joint Meetings

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Conferees:* Agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 2943, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1039)

H.R. 845, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance. Signed on November 28, 2016. (Public Law 114–245)

H.R. 4511, to amend the Veterans' Oral History Project Act to allow the collection of video and audio recordings of biographical histories by immediate family members of members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of their service during

a period of war. Signed on November 28, 2016. (Public Law 114–246)

H.R. 5392, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve the Veterans Crisis Line. Signed on November 28, 2016. (Public Law 114–247)

H.R. 6007, to amend title 49, United States Code, to include consideration of certain impacts on commercial space launch and reentry activities in a navigable airspace analysis. Signed on November 28, 2016. (Public Law 114–248)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the oversight, acquisition, testing, and employment of the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) and LCS mission module programs, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the future of counter-terrorism strategy, 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine two Government Accountability Office reports regarding the renewable fuel standard, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Force Management Levels in Iraq and Afghanistan; Readiness and Strategic Considerations”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Sexual Harassment and Gender Discrimination at the U.S. Department of Agriculture”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, joint hearing entitled “Restoring the Power of the Purse: Legislative Options”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* Full Committee, business meeting to consider an access request, 9 a.m., HVC–304. This meeting will be closed.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, December 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, December 1

Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1:45 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 6297, Iran Sanctions Extension Act, and vote on passage of the bill.

House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 2943—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 6392—Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act of 2016.

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